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1. SUMMARY. ALTHOUGH GDR PRESS DEVOTED ONLY SHORT ITEM TO SOLZHENITSYN'S LOSS OF SOVIET CITIZENSHIP AND ARRIVAL IN FRG, NEUES DEUTSCHLAND FEBRUARY 14 CARRIED RATHER REMARKABLE EDITORIAL BY HARALD HAUSER, ELABORATING ON SOLZHENITSYN'S "ANTI-COMMUNIST" SINS, EXPLAINING HOW SOLZHENITSYN AND HIS APOLOGISTS (BOELL, GRASS, RICHTER) BECAME WILLING TOOLS OF BOURGEOIS COLD WARRIERS, AND WARNING WOULD-BE DISSIDENTS NOT TO COMMIT INTELLECTUAL "SUICIDE" BY FOLLOWING SILIMAR COURSE. END SUMMARY.

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2. EAST GERMAN PRESS COVERED SOLZHENITSYN EXPULSION WITH SHORT ADN ITEM BASED ON TASS REPORT THAT SOLZHENITSYN

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HAD BEEN DEPRIVED HIS SOVIET CITIZENSHIP FOR COMMITTING ACT "DAMAGING" TO SOVIET STATE AND, AS A CONSEQUENCE, HAD BEEN EXPELLED FROM USSR. ITEM ALSO ANNOUNCED SOLZHENITSYN'S ARRIVAL IN FRG AND NOTED THAT HIS FAMILY IS FREE TO JOIN HIM WHENEVER THEY WISH.

3. SUSPICIOUSLY COINCIDENT WITH SOLZHENITSYN'S EXPULSION, HOWEVER, NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, FEBRUARY 14 CARRIED LENGTHY EDITORIAL BY HAROLD HAUSER, HARD-LINE EAST GERMAN AUTHOR, DELINEATING IN SHARP IDEOLOGICAL RELIEF EXTENT OF SOLZHENITSYN'S SINS AGAINST COMMUNIST SOCIALIST MOVEMENT, DETAILING HOW HIS WORKS HAVE BEEN EXPLOITED BY IMPERIALIST COLD WARRIORS TO CAMOUFLAGE CRISES IN BOURGEOS DEMOCRACIES, AND HARSHLY WARNING POTENTIAL DISSIDENTS OF HISTORIC PRICE THEY WILL BE FORCED TO PAY SHOULD THEY BE TEMPTED TO FOLLOW SUIT. LENGTH AND IDEOLOGICAL COMPLEXITY OF ARTICLE, AS WELL AS FACT IT MAKES NO MENTION OF SOLZHENITSYN'S FATE, SUGGESTS IT WRITTEN INDEPENDENTLY OF RECENT EVENTS, EVEN THOUGH ITS TONE AND CONTENT SEEM ESPECIALLY WELL DESIGNED TO COVER SUCH CONTINGENCY.

4. WHETHER BY COINCIDENCE OR NOT, ARTICLE SINGLES OUT HEINRICH BOLL, CURRENTLY SOLZHENITSYN'S HOST IN FRG, FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT, ACCUSING BOLL OF "NAIVELY" JOINING FORCES WITH SUCH PROFESSION FRG "COMMUNIST-BAITERS" AS HATTHIAS WALDEN, GERHARD LOEWENTHAL AND AXEL SPRINGER.

5. HAUSER RESERVED MOST REMARKABLE PASSAGE, HOWEVER, FOR CONCLUSION OF ARTICLE. IN STRANGE JUXAPOSITION TO EARLIER CODEMNATION OF SOLZHENITSYN'S ATTACKS ON EXCESSES OF STALINISM, HAUSER WROTE: "NO ONE HAD A MORE PAINFUL EXPERIENCE WITH THE ERA OF THE CULT OF THE PERSONALITY THAT WE COMMUNISTS. NO ONE WAS SO DIRECTLY STRUCK (BY IT) AS WE WERE. BUT WE NEITHER WENT TO THE WAILING WALL NORE MADE BUSINESS OUT OF OUR TORMENT AND WE CAN ONLY DESPISE THOSEWHO DO. WE HAVE CHANGED, WORKED, OVERCOME AND ADVANCED TO NEW HORIZONS." THAT SAID, HAUSER ADMITS SOME MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY DRAWING "CORRECT" CONCLUSIONS
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FROM SOLZHENITSYN AFFAIR BUT WARNS THAT THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO CONTEST THE ADVANCES OF THE COMMUNIST WORLD WOULD COMMIT INTELLECTUAL SUICIDE; WORSE THAN THAT THEY MUST FACE JUDGMENT OF HISTORY FOR CHALLENGING ULTIMATE VICTORY OF SOCIALISM. FOR, HE CLAIMS, "THE SOLZHENITSYN AFFAIR WILL BE FORGOTTEN IN A FEW YEARS, EVEN AS DAME ALLILUYEVA'S SPECTACLE HAS ALREADY BEEN FORGOTTEN."KLEIN

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